work on approved lines and on a voluntary basis. The grants are given on the recommendation of Economic Development Board and to the extent of the funds allotted for the purpose.

In 1114, the grants stated below were given to the following Six institutions.

		Rs.
1.	Co-operative Society No. 398 Neyyoor ...	600
2.	Travancore War Service Men's Colony, Palode ...	600
3.	Rural Reconstruction Institute, Oollannore, Pandalam	600
4.	Sivagiri Harijan Colony, Warkala ...	500
5.	Anjanad Rural Reconstruction Centre, Munnar ...	280
6.	Coastal Development Mission, Punnappara, Alleppey	120
	Total ...	2,700

For 1115 M. E. a sum of Rs. 7,000 has been earmarked for payment of grants for Rural Reconstruction work outside Village Panchayat areas. The various applications for assistance from this allotment are now engaging the attention of the Economic Development Board.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether rural reconstruction work cannot be entrusted with the Boys Scout Association?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI: No application was received from the Boys Scout Association.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any perposal to entrust this work to the Boys Scout Association?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI: No.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether Government is aware that in the Punjab, Central Provinces, and United Provinces, rural reconstruction work is being done by Boys Scout Association?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI: Yes.

Non-departmental Anchal office at Puliyoor.

331. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which Government have been pleased to sanction the opening of a non-departmental anchal office at Puliyoor;

(*b*) the date on which the necessary deposits both for the anchal office and by the proposed anchal master were made and the agreement for the purpose executed; and

(*c*) whether the Anchal Superintendent has received any representation with regard to the early opening of this anchal office and steps taken by him in the matter?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI: (*a*) 14th November 1939.

(*b*) Guarantee deposited 26-11-1114.

Anchal Master's security deposited, 8-1-1115.

Agreement executed 18-2-1115.

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(*c*) Yes. This anchal office has been opened with effect from 1-10-1115.

Amendment of the Insurance Act.

332. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations to get the Insurance Act amended;

(*b*) whether any steps are taken for the same;

(*c*) if not, the reason why nothing was done as yet;

(*d*) whether they have got any idea of the number of the policy-holders in this State who are affected by the Insurance Act;

(*e*) the number of policy-holders from outside who have taken policies in the Insurance Companies in this State; and

(*f*) the number of Provident Assurance Companies working in this State that have sought permission to continue business according to the provisions of the present Insurance Act?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*)

(*d*) and (*e*) The labour and time involved do not justify the collection of information.

(*f*) four.

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